

**Remarks/Arguments:**

Claims 1-9, 24, 26, 27, and 30-37 are presently under consideration in the present application. Claims 10-23, 25, 28, 29, and 38 have been cancelled. Numerous amendments have been made to the claims. No new matter has been added.

Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the opportunities provided to Applicants' representative (Christopher Spletzer) to participate in a telephone interview with the Examiner on March 29, 2007, and again on April 3, 2007.

Claims 1-3, 10-12, 24-26 and 38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Ramm (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0087150). Claims 6-9, 13-23, and 27-37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ramm in view of Aoka et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0155702). Claims 4-5 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

During the telephone interviews on March 29, 2007 and on April 3, 2007, proposed amendments to the claims presently under consideration were discussed. It was agreed that if the claims presently under consideration were amended as proposed, the claims would overcome the rejection of record. Applicants' have amended the claims presently under consideration accordingly.

Thus, absent any additional relevant prior art being located in a further search, claims 1-9, 24, 26, 27, and 30-37 are patentable over the art of record.

The above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative by telephone in order to advance prosecution of the present application.

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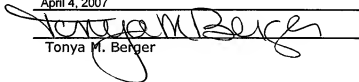
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